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SUBJ: SYRIA -- NOOTER VISIT AND U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY CONVERSATION NOV 4 BETWEEN SARG DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) MOHAMAD HAYDAR AND AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR NOOTER. ACTIONS REQUESTED FOLLOW THIS SUMMARY.

A. PL 480. HAYDAR WELCOMED ARRIVAL OF PL 480 NEGOTIATORS FROM WASHINGTON. (SINCE THEN, OF COURSE, NEGOTIATIONS COMPLETED AND TITLE I AGREEMENT SIGNED NOV 20 FOR WHEAT AND RICE.) HAYDAR HOPED SUGAR COULD BE ADDED IN THE FUTURE.

B. ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND AREAS FOR EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, HAYDAR REQUESTED NOTIFICATION FROM A.I.D. THROUGH EMBASSY BY DECEMBER AS TO WHEN SOME TECHNICIANS COULD COME TO SYRIA FOR THEIR PRELIMINARY STUDIES. AREAS OF INTEREST NOTED BY HAYDAR WERE (NOT LISTED IN PRIORITY ORDER):

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- 1) ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
- 2) MECHANIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL FARMING
- 3) ARID LAND TECHNOLOGY
- 4) UTILIZATION OF FERTILIZERS AND INSECTICIDES
- 5) INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING OF AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT
- 6) SALINE SOIL TECHNOLOGY
- 7) IRRIGATION
- 8) LAND RECLAMATION
- 9) PLANT DISEASE CONTROL, PARTICULARLY FOR COTTON AND SUGAR BEETS
- 10) UPGRADE SUGAR BEET SUGAR CONTENT AND BEET PRODUCTION
- 11) TECHNICAL EXCHANGES ON COMPUTER AND DATA PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATION.

C. CAPITAL PROJECTS. HAYDAR REQUESTED USG CONSIDERATION FOR PRELIMINARY STUDIES OF FOLLOWING:

- 1) SUGAR BEET FACTORY NEAR PLANNED NEW SUGAR BEET PRODUCING AREAS.
- 2) IRRIGATION/RECLAMATION/LAND USE PROJECT IN EUPHRATES BASIN OF PERHAPS 140,000 HA.
- 3) PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY (INCLUDING PLASTICS, SYNTHETIC FIBERS, FERTILIZER, UREA AND FLARED GAS UTILIZATION)
- 4) POSSIBLE FINANCING OF SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS EARTH STATION (HAYDAR NOTED NO DECISION YET MADE BY SARG ON THIS PROJECT, OFFERS STILL BEING RECEIVED; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOOTER SAID WE DID NOT WANT TO SLOW DOWN PROGRESS ON THIS PROJECT THAT COULD BE MADE PRIOR TO OUR BEING IN POSITION TO CONSIDER IT FOR FINANCING)

- 5) OIL EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION (NOOTER EXPLAINED LEADING ROLE OF PRIVATE OIL COMPANIES IN THIS SECTOR AND PROMISED TO ENCOURAGE US COMPANIES TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITIES IN SYRIA;

HAYDAR APPRECIATED SUCH ENCOURAGEMENT, STATING THAT SARG WANTED TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT SYRIA WILL NOT DISCRIMINATE AS TO NATIONALITY OF ANY COMPANY INTERESTED IN WORKING IN SYRIA)

D. ERTS SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY AND APPLICATION TO SYRIAN MINERALS SURVEY WORK, AGRICULTURE AND WATER CONTROL. HAYDAR WELCOMED US OFFER TO SEND THREE SYRIAN EXPERTS TO US FOR 10-14 DAYS TO REVIEW ERTS TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATION TO SYRIA.

E. SCHOLARSHIPS. BASED ON NOOTER/HAYDAR DISCUSSIONS AND ABU DHABI ASSISTANCE (IN CASE OF US SCHOLARSHIPS), EMBASSY HAS SUBMITTED OFFICIAL NOTE TO SARG COVERING FOLLOWING AREAS:

1) TEN GRADUATE FULBRIGHT-HAYS SCHOLARSHIPS TO BEGIN FALL TERM, 1975. FIELDS OF STUDY TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY USG AND SARG. (FIVE OF THESE OF COURSE TO BE FINANCED BY ABU DHABI.)

2) TEN A.I.D. SCHOLARSHIPS AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT FOR STUDY TOWARD M.A. DEGREE, BEGINNING FEB 1975. FIELDS OF STUDY INCLUDE AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, ENGINEERING, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

3) UP TO FIVE SHORT-TERM (FOUR TO SIX WEEKS) VISITING LECTURERS, USG TO PAY TRAVEL AND STIPEND AND WE HAVE PROPOSED SARG SHARE ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES.

F. NOOTER INFORMED HAYDAR THAT AFTER OUR ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION PASSED, A.I.D. COULD PERHAPS OFFER UP TO 100 SCHOLARSHIPS AS REQUESTED BY SARG.  
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## 2. ACTIONS REQUESTED:

A. DAMASCUS 2761 CROSSED WITH STATE 256720 RE SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROMISED SEPTAL ON ERTS VISIT. WE AWAITING RECEIPT OF ERTS SEPTEL AND WILL IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT NOTE TO CONCERNED SARG OFFICIALS WHEN SEPTEL RECEIVED. WE WILL PROMPTLY CABLE SARG RESPONSE.

B. WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION WHEN A.I.D. TDY STUDY GROUP CAN COME TO SYRIA SO WE MAY RESPOND TO HAYDAR'S EXPECTATION IN THIS REGARD. IF A.I.D. FORESEES STAGGERED TRIPS DEALING WITH SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST AS NOTED ABOVE PARAS 1 B AND C, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO PROVIDE US WITH SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES SO WE MAY TOUCH BASE WITH HAYDAR

AND THROUGH HIM OTHER MINISTRIES TO OBTAIN SARG RESPONSE  
RE ORDER OF PRIORITIES.  
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